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November 30, 1972

Mr. Richard Helms Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

My dear Mr. Director:

On December 11 and 12, 1972, the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will receive background briefings in closed executive session on issues related to the international energy situation with particular emphasis on developments in the Mid-East. I would appreciate it if you would appear before the Committee at 10:30 a.m. on December 11, 1972, to give the Committee a background briefing on developments in the Mid-East, the international energy situation, and the significance of both for the national security of the United States.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. William J. Van Ness, Chief Counsel to the Committee, at 225-2656.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours

Henry M. Jackson

Chairman

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Thursday - 7 December 1972

5X1	tomorrow morning for a briefing by Chief, DT-1C, and 2	25X 25X ]5X
5X1	Called Bill Van Ness, Chief Counsel, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, who said they had firmed up their schedule and expected us to appear before the Committee in an informal, closed session at 0930 hours on Monday, Il December in room 3112 New Senate Office Building. He said they would like about a fifteen minute introductory statement followed by about an hour's discussion. He asked how many of us would be appearing and I said would provide 2	25X 25X
5X1	Tom Korologos, who handles Senate liaison for the White House, called to ask the name and membership of the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services, which I gave him. He also wanted to know whether they had met last year and I explained that generally we had appeared before the full Committee rather than the CIA Subcommittee since Stennis had taken over, but noted that we had met with the Subcommittee on 5 April 1972. I asked Korologos when they were going to release the news and he said as soon as they could check it out with "the man in Mississippi." I said while they were checking it out they could save themselves a lot of trouble by notifying McClellateror in his absence Bill Woodruffand Mahon, Hebert and Nedzi. I said this would make our life a little simpler, and I thought it would make it a good deal easier on the new Director. Korologos said this was a fine idea and he appreciated it.	ı
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Tuesday - 5 December 1972

:		briefing of the Committee next week. Expanding on information contained in Chairman Henry Jackson's 30 November letter to the Director, Van Ness	
		said:	
		a. He would expect the session to run perhaps 1 1/2 hours,	
		with only 15 or 20 minutes of initial presentation and the rest	
		of the time devoted to questions.	
• •		b. He does not expect questions on the technology of the	
	,	petroleum industry, but we may be queried on not only the	
		political and economic conditions of the oil producing countries	
		of the Middle East, but foreign influences that impact upon these	
		conditions, about other oil producing areas, i.e., Venezuela, and	
		about the general energy situation in the Soviet Union.	
	**	c. We should be prepared for questions of a contingency nature	
		such as where would Japan and Western Europe get their petroleum	
		if their present Middle East sources became unavailable and what	
		are the long-range prospects of present negotiations relating to	5X
		petroleum generally.	
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